



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Volunteer Recognition Ceremony**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – June 20, 2012**

On Thursday June 21 at 3:00 p.m. the Santa Barbara City Fire Department will be recognizing American Red Cross and Fire Department Volunteers as at Fire Station 1, 121 W. Carrillo Street. These Volunteers have been instrumental in assisting the Fire Department with several programs this year including the Fire Safety House Program, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and the various public education programs.

This year the American Red Cross Volunteer collaborated with the Fire Department in conducting the Fire Safety House program. The Fire Safety House went to 10 local area schools and reached over 555 third graders with important fire and life safety information. Fire Volunteer also assisted with the CERT class held this year, which was the largest class in the department's history. There CERT program educated and graduated over 35 people on how they can be best help themselves and their neighbors in a disaster. These CERT classes also included a Volunteer CERT Facilitator.

This year the volunteers contributed over 1,300 hours to the Fire Department. Without the collaboration and assistance of the Red Cross and Fire Department Volunteers many public education programs would not have been accomplished.

John Maxwell said, "When you volunteer it shows that you have a passion for something with NO STRINGS attached." and this is true of our volunteers. This is the Department's opportunity to honor those that have given their time and energy to contribute to our Community.

Note: All media are welcome to join us at this event. Contact Yoli McGlinchey, information below, for an event agenda.



*(Those pictured are Firefighter Jason Fernandes, Bill Wagner, American Red Cross, Tim Wright, Fire Volunteer)*

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